

the DEA, and the FBI, he acted as an effective liaison between myself and the agencies. Carl helped reconcile the needs of the Justice Department with my visions for the future of federal law enforcement, often working late nights to hammer out compromises that could make all sides happy. This was a difficult task for anyone to take on without prior knowledge or experience on the Hill, but Carl handled his responsibilities like an old pro. I could not have developed such a close relationship with the offices of the Attorney General, the FBI Director, and the DEA Administrator without Carl's input and commitment to making the connection work.

Special Agent Truscott will be leaving the Hill to go back to the President's detail starting next week. I know that the Appropriations Committee, the Department of Justice, and my personal staff will all miss Carl's presence in the appropriations process next year. It was a pleasure working with him over the past two years and I wish him luck in his career in the Secret Service and in his future endeavors.

I'd also like to express my appreciation for the work of Derek Orr, who was detailed to Senator HOLLINGS' CJS Subcommittee staff from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Derek has been with the CJS Subcommittee staff for the past year and has contributed important input on law enforcement issues to both sides of the Subcommittee. He has been an asset during the long, difficult appropriations process this year and I join Senator HOLLINGS in praising Derek's perseverance and commitment. I wish him luck when he returns to the Justice Department and look forward to working with him in the future.●

OECD SHIPBUILDING AGREEMENT

● Mr. BREAUX. Mr. President, I rise to announce that I look forward to working with my colleagues in the next Congress to pass legislation to implement the OECD Shipbuilding Agreement, an international agreement that will finally allow our commercial shipyards to compete on equal footing with those of our foreign trading partners.

With the hard work of Members both in the House and Senate, especially my friend the Majority Leader, we were able to craft implementing legislation that was passed and reported out of both the Senate Commerce Committee and the Senate Finance Committee and had the strong support of the Department of Defense. If a floor vote had been possible this Congress, I am confident we could have passed this important legislation and the President would have signed it into law.

Unless we as a country are content to concede the international commercial shipbuilding market to our trading partners and rely instead only upon the limited and protected U.S. Jones Act market for commercial shipbuilding

orders, we must ratify and implement the OECD Shipbuilding Agreement.

So again, I look forward next Congress to working with the Majority Leader, Finance Committee Chairman ROTH, Commerce Committee Chairman MCCAIN, and my Democratic and Republican colleagues, including the few Members who remain opposed to the Agreement, to implement the OECD Shipbuilding Agreement for the benefit of the country and our U.S. entire commercial shipbuilding industry.●

● Mr. LOTT. I share the sentiments of my colleagues from Louisiana. I am frustrated over the Senate's inability to complete this legislation. Indeed, he and I have championed this bipartisan effort for some years now. I will resume our joint efforts early in the next Congress to secure final ratification of this critical Agreement.

U.S. participation in the OECD Shipbuilding Agreement and the elimination of foreign subsidies is essential. U.S. commercial shipyards cannot successfully compete with the treasuries of other nations. Of course, our implementing legislation must also make it clear that our vital Jones Act interests and our national security prerogatives will never be compromised.

The implementing legislation developed in this Congress represents a consensus product with input for many Senators who carefully weighted and balanced these important objectives of OECD. The legislation was reported by the Finance Committee on two separate occasions and by the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on yet another. It enjoys the strong support of both Chairman and vast majority of their Committees.

Let me be clear: Navy ships are unequivocally exempted from coverage by this Agreement in fact this legislation gives unlimited authority of the Secretary of Defense to exempt from coverage of any other vessels deemed necessary for national security purposes.

Similarly, extraordinary steps were taken to protect our Jones Act. That is why this legislation received the strong endorsement from the vast majority of the Jones Act shipbuilding and ship operating companies.

On a final note, I hope our OECD Shipbuilding Agreement parties will take note of my intention and commitment to move this legislation early next before taking any action on their own which might forever compromise this historic opportunity to rationalize the global shipbuilding market.●

HONORING VETERANS

● Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, I would like to speak for a moment on the importance of our veterans and their service to this nation. As you know, November 11th is Veterans Day, the day we honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

For over two hundred years, the democratic form of government that so

many of us take for granted has survived and prospered in an increasingly dangerous world. The fulfillment of our Declaration of Independence's tenets of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness was achieved through the genius and drive of our main resource—our citizens. But that genius and drive could never have occurred without the sacrifice and security provided by those who bore the brunt of our defenses and even gave their lives to this cause. From the early days of our isolated republic to today's challenges as a global leader, this country has trusted and relied on the unwavering protection provided by our men and women in military uniform.

Veterans Day provides us an opportunity to reflect upon and recognize those who have served in the world's finest military. We will honor those who have fought in wartime and protected our nation in peacetime; those who have served on the battlefields of the world and in the communities that make up this vast and prosperous nation. As Abraham Lincoln so eloquently articulated in his Gettysburg Address, it is our solemn obligation "to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced . . . and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." We should remember these powerful words and continue to do the best that we are able to meet the expectations of those who have guaranteed our freedom.

I have long been impressed with so many veterans' commitment to public affairs long after their military service. My frequent meetings with veterans in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania reinforces my view that they are America's finest citizens whose duty did not end with active military service. They remain continued supporters and activists in reminding the U.S. Congress and, indeed, the American people of the need for a strong national defense. It is this lifetime commitment to service that should be recognized on Veterans Day.

Since the Senate is not expected to be in session on Veterans Day, I would like to extend my appreciation to all veterans of the United States Armed Forces. To quote Abraham Lincoln again, during his second Inaugural Address he said, "let us strive on to finish the work we are in; . . . to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan. . . ." November 11th will be a day of recognition to the service of America's 25 million veterans. I am certain that my colleagues will join me in thanking all veterans for their remarkable legacy of commitment to honor, duty, and country.●

TRIBUTE TO CARL TRUSCOTT

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, I would like to take this opportunity to honor and thank an individual who has

been a tremendous asset to the Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Subcommittee for the last two years. That individual is Carl Truscott, a United States Secret Service agent who has worked with Senator GREGG's committee staff in preparing the fiscal year 1998 and 1999 CJS Appropriations bills.

Carl has been responsible for making policy and fiscal recommendations on the budgets of many of the Department of Justice programs. He's done this with integrity, an eye for detail, and a true bi-partisan spirit. Paramount to Carl's disposition is his belief in doing a good, thorough and fair job, which translated into him working closely with my staff and the Justice Department, ensuring that everyone was on the same page in regard to determining what would be best for the Department of Justice, for the interests of our States, and for the interests of our Senators, regardless on which side of the aisle they sit.

I'm sure Carl is moving on to bigger and better things—and I'm also certain he will earn the genuine appreciation for his hard work that he has won time and again here in the Senate. Carl will be missed by this Subcommittee. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors, and thank him again for all of his excellent work for the Commerce, Justice, and State Subcommittee.●

A TRIBUTE TO PETER J. CARRARA—THE BEST OF THE BEST

● Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a good neighbor and a man who was the best of the best. His name is Peter J. Carrara and he passed away suddenly on August 20th. However, he will be remembered by everyone who knew him as the epitome of good humor and optimism. Or as co-workers put it, "If you didn't like Peter, you didn't like life."

Peter was a man who loved his country and dreamed of serving the US Navy since he was a child. He fulfilled his dream, served with honor, and became a highly decorated officer. In fact, he retired in 1992 with the rank of Senior Chief Yeoman on a Ballistic Missile Nuclear Submarine, one of the greatest accomplishments a Navy man can achieve. For his service he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, five Navy Achievement medals, five Good Conduct Medals, Enlisted Submarine Breast Insignia, and the SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia. Following his retirement, he held several jobs, including second constable for the Town of Shrewsbury for the last four years of his life.

In addition to serving his country, Peter served his community in many ways. He was a member of the Shrewsbury Community Church, Rutland Fleet Reserve Association, American Legion Post 31, the Shrewsbury So-Birds, and a volunteer fireman. He would approach any situation, espe-

cially challenging ones, with a calmness and strength which was reassuring to everyone around him. To quote his fellow town constable, "He could approach hostile people as if he knew the angel of God was on his shoulder."

As I read through the eulogies given and letters written about Peter, I was struck by how many people mentioned his kindness, caring, and compassion for others. Friends praised and remembered his big heart and giving spirit. For example, when he worked for UPS, he stayed late one Christmas Eve so families would have their presents for the next day. He was devoted to his friends and family and would do anything for them. When they were sick in the hospital, he would visit with them and bring them great comfort.

In fact, his ability to comfort and bring a smile to people's face will be how Peter is remembered. My wife Liz said, "You could never feel down around Peter. His smile and warmth picked your spirits up and you went on your way smiling." But the biggest tribute came from a childhood friend. "You were my hero. I really enjoyed growing up with you, and today you are still my hero."

Farewell, Peter. You will truly be missed.●

RECOGNITION OF THE EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLE OF MASSACHUSETTS TO ASSIST THE CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I want to take the opportunity today to recognize the kind and generous people of western Massachusetts who donated exercise equipment to the Cheyenne River Reservation community in my home state of South Dakota.

The participating YMCA's of Greenfield, Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton and Westfield Massachusetts organized a month long drive that collected 80 pieces of exercise equipment ranging from treadmills to exercise bikes. Robert Sunderland, Vincent Olinski, Harry Rock, Suzanne Walker, Stephen Clay, Kurt Kramer, and Mark St. Pierre all worked together to make this project a reality. Their vision, tireless dedication, and proactive efforts to mobilize the people of western Massachusetts should not go unnoticed. Additionally, I would like to recognize Keith Eichenholz of my staff, a native of Greenfield Massachusetts himself, for recognizing the effort of these participating YMCAs, as well as the needs of Indian country in South Dakota.

As my Senate colleagues know, there are nine federally recognized tribes in South Dakota, whose members collectively make up one of the largest Native American populations in this country. At the same time, South Dakota has three of the ten poorest counties in the nation, all of which are within reservation boundaries. The severe poverty within these reservations makes it extremely difficult to secure

valuable resources that can be used to fight the grave health situation plaguing the American Indian communities.

The contributions of the western Massachusetts YMCAs will help overcome these alarming conditions. Native Americans die at younger ages than the general population: 13 percent of Indian deaths, compared to 4 percent of deaths for all races, occur before age 25. Tuberculosis as a cause of death for Native Americans is 4 times the national mortality rate for this disease, and the Native American mortality rate for diabetes out-paces the national average by 139 percent. Additionally, a 1997 Harvard/Centers for Disease Control study on life expectancy found that the lowest life expectancy in the nation for both men and women, including inner city populations, exists in the Indian population and are the worst rates of any nation in the western hemisphere except Haiti. American health care and medical science are far too advanced to allow such statistics to persist.

Time and time again, regular exercise has been proven effective in reducing the occurrence of heart disease, diabetes, and early deaths. The five western Massachusetts communities will help provide the Cheyenne River Reservation community with the opportunity for a healthier lifestyle at practically no cost. Their contribution deserves recognition, and I thank them for all of their help.

Throughout my service in Congress I have worked with Indian tribes to improve the quality of life on this nation's Indian reservations. I am glad that I have the generous people of Greenfield, Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton and Westfield Massachusetts as allies in this courageous effort.

Again, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude for their collaborated effort, and wish them continued success in future endeavors.●

125TH BIRTHDAY OF ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I am proud to pay tribute to one of the most resilient cities in America—Roswell, New Mexico. One-hundred and twenty-five years ago, the Roswell Post Office opened its doors and a town's identity was established. Since that time, the residents of Roswell have displayed a hearty "can-do" attitude as they adapted to the constantly evolving economic climate of the region.

Roswell has served as an economic and educational hub for southeastern New Mexico. It has been a center for sheep ranching, cattle driving, space exploration, and military aviation. Today, Roswell supports a thriving dairy industry and, because of its warm winters and relaxed pace, it has become a popular retirement destination for senior citizens across the country. Roswell is the site of the New Mexico Military Institute, one of the finest military preparatory academies in the